THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) A Statement (*see below*) showing the leader prices of Cephalexin and Cephaloridine which are exclusive of excise duty as notified under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 is attached. Leader prices for Cephrodine have not so far been notified. Among the major manufacturers and sellers of formulations based on ne or more of these three drugs are Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited, Glaxo Laboratories (India) Limited, Standard Pharmaceuticals etc.

(b) Cephalexin and Cephaloridine when imported in bulk are exempted from customs duty whereas Cephrodine is levied normal rate of customs duty.

(c) and (d) Information to the extent available is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(e) to (g) Prices of formulations based on these drugs have been regulated based on the average landed cost of import during complete one year based on the details collected from different Ports.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the formulation with strength	Pack Size	Leader price (Rs.)
1.	Cephalexin 250 mg	4's	5.62
2.	Cephalexin 500mg	4's	9.78
3.	Cephalexin Syrup 125 mg/5 ml	40ml bottle	7.00
4.	Cephaloridine 0.5 mg/vial	1 vial	10.34
5.	Cephaloridine 1gm/	1 vial	18.12

Royalty on crude oil

605. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 760 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th March, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision with respect to the demand of Gujarat and Assam States for the revision of royalty rates on crude oil;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof:

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for delay and by when the final decision is likely to be taken; and

(d) from which date the revised royalty rates of crude oil are proposed to be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Disussions between Chief Minister of Gujarat and the Minister of Petroleum are yet to take place.

(d) No decision has been taken so far in the matter.

Price control of Vicks range of formulations

606. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vicks range of formulations are under price decontrol;

(b) what was the price of each of Vicks formulation before the announcement of Price Control Order, 1979 and what is its present price;

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of these formulations have been increased so many times during this

period. if so, when and the percentage price increase affected each time;

(d) what was the annual sales turnover of each of Vicks range of formulations during the last three years. year-wise;

(e) whether there is any move to control the prices of these formulations; and

(f) if not, what measures are being taken to safeguard the consumers' interest?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL). (a) Certain formulations sold under the brand name Vicks were not price decontrolled under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. The manufacturer has since converted some of the Vicks range of the formulations into Ayurvedic medicines.

(b) to (d) A Statement (*see below*) giving information to the extent available is attached. Details of number of times the prices have been changed are not available.

(e) and (f) The recommendations of the National Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Development Council are being processed by the Government. Government would take a decision on the changes/modifications in the Drug Policy keeping in view all the relevant factors and various view points.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the formulations	Pack size	Price in 1979	Present price as available	Trade sale turn over during 1984
1	2	3	4	5	6
					(Lakhs)
1.	Vicks Action 500	2's	0·62	0·97	40·06
2.	Vicks Formula 44 Cough Linctus	56 ml	3·67	4·18	59·63
		90 ml	5·38	5·72	-
3.	Vicks Vaporeb Ointment	5 gm	0·77	..	
		12 gm	1·82	..	
		19 gm	2·65	..	670·02
		35 gm	4·45		
		60 gm	6·47	..	
4.	Vicks Inhaler		1·97	Not being marketed as per price list of March, 1985	78·12
5	Vicks Cough Disc Tabs.	6's	1·15	..	231·60